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5 MAR 1973

The Honorable Richard Ichord, Chairman
Committee on Internal Security
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of January 2, 1973, concerning the recommendations contained in Chapter V of the report of your Committee entitled, "The Federal Civilian Employee Loyalty Program."

Insofar as your Committee's recommendations concern the Central Intelligence Agency, certain statutory provisions are particularly relevant. The National Security Act of 1947 and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 impose a specific security responsibility on the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. These Acts also provide the Director with the authority necessary to carry out this responsibility in the Agency with respect to the investigation, hiring, and termination of personnel.

Since all positions in this Agency can involve exposure to the most sensitive information concerning the national security, we do not believe differentiations between the degrees of sensitivity of positions, as suggested in your report, are applicable to this Agency.

In addition to my responsibilities for the Central Intelligence Agency, my position as Director of Central Intelligence also imposes certain obligations with respect to the intelligence community, made up of all of our intelligence agencies. The members of the intelligence

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community are commonly concerned with providing security for intelligence material and for intelligence sources and methods, even though overall responsibility for security is vested principally in department and agency heads. Speaking for the intelligence community, I appreciate your Committee's general interest in programs designed for the purpose of strengthening security, and in that light I have commended your Committee's report to the various members of the intelligence community.

We share the Committee's interest in the possibilities of enhancing security through the adoption of administrative measures. One such measure used by the Agency is a secrecy agreement which contractually obligates an employee to obtain Agency approval before publishing material which may contain classified information. In a recent case involving such an agreement, a civil injunction was issued which prevented serious revelations concerning intelligence sources and methods.

Sincerely,

/s/ James R. Schlesinger

James R. Schlesinger
Director

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1. Mr. Colby			wmc/blp	Attached for the Director's signature is our reply to a letter from Chairman Ichord, of the House Internal Security Committee, concerning Federal employee loyalty and security programs. This reply has been coordinated with the DD/S, General Counsel, and the USIB Executive Secretary. Subject to the Director's approval, and in line with the statement in the letter that the report is being commended to the various members of the intelligence community, the USIB Executive Secretary will distribute copies of the letter and the report to the USIB membership.
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